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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: **Hoefle et al.**

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For: **EPOTHILONE DERIVATIVES, A PROCESS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION  
THEREOF AND THEIR USE**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application, without waiver or prejudice, as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are represented by the listing of the claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.